

"My So-Called Enemy" in St. Louis, Philly, Long Beach, Vancouver, NJ and Vienna, Austria



Film talk at the Curtin Library

Photo courtesy of Sten Miller,
Mount Saint Mary College

Dear Friends,

In October, I had the joy of screening "My So-Called Enemy" at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, NY, visiting Charlie Zola's Ethics classes and doing a film talk in the Curtin Library for faculty, students and the local community. It was a heartwarmer of a visit. At U Penn, I did a post-screening discussion with ex-Building Bridges staffer and MSW grad student Aviva Joffe, who enlisted 12 academic departments and student groups to co-sponsor my visit.

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Please read on for upcoming screenings, film festival press and information on how you can bring "My So-Called Enemy" to your community.

Upcoming screenings

Please join us and tell your friends about our upcoming screenings of "My So-Called Enemy."

2011 St. Louis International Film Festival

Sunday, November 13th at 3:00pm

Washington University -- Brown Hall Auditorium

I will do a Q&A after the screening.

Part of the Cinema for Students, Human Rights, International Film, Jewish, Leon and Mary Strauss Documentary, Middle Eastern and Women in Film Sidebars.

[Click here](#) for tickets and more information.

2011 First Person Arts and the Philadelphia Jewish Film Festival

Thursday, November 17th at 6:00pm

Christ Church Neighborhood House -- 20 North American Street

Melodye Feldman, the Founder of Seeking Common Ground, will lead a facilitated "Peace Meal" at the Israeli Zahav Restaurant after the screening.

[Click here](#) for tickets (\$35) and more information.

2011 Long Beach Jewish Cultural Arts Festival- Film Festival and Book Fair

Opening Night Film

Thursday, November 17th at 7:30pm

Alpert JCC -- 3801 East Willow Street

[Click here](#) for tickets and more information.

2011 Vancouver Jewish Film Festival

Thursday, November 17th at 8:45pm

The Ridge Theatre -- 3131 Arbutus Street

[Click here](#) for tickets and more information.

Anshe Emeth Memorial Temple (New Brunswick, NJ)

Monday, November 28th at 7:30pm

222 Livingston Avenue

I will do a Q&A after the screening.

[Click here](#) for tickets and more information.

2011 "This Human World" Human Rights Film Festival (Vienna, Austria)

Tuesday, December 6th at 7:00pm

Top Kino -- Rahlgasse 1

[Click here](#) for tickets and more information. (Our film will be listed on 11/16.)

Recent Press

Film Fest features 3 must-see documentaries

By Lily Siwak, Junior, Clayton, St. Louis Jewish Light November 9, 2011

...This year, three films that stand out as scene-stealers are "My So-Called Enemy," "The Bully Project" and "To Be Heard." "I have seen 'My So-Called Enemy' and I think it's marvelous," says Artistic Director Chris Clark. The film's director, Lisa Gossels, will attend the festival to host a Q&A following its screening, which will be a free on Sunday, Nov. 13 at Washington University's Brown Hall as part of SLIFF's Human Rights Sidebar...

Vancouver Jewish Film Festival features productions for young and old

By Glen Schaefer, The Province November 9, 2011

...Powerful scenes abound, including one where an Israeli and a Palestinian stand together in front of a newly-built separation wall, and decide to customize it with their own written thoughts. There's a sense of hope in this writing on the wall...

The Vancouver Jewish Film Festival's diverse lineup explores a range of evolving, conflicted, and half-forgotten identities.

By Ken Eisner, The Georgia Straight November 10, 2011

...The notion of combined, conflicted, or even forgotten identities is central to being Israeli, and is certainly crucial to one of this year's most important entries. In "My So-Called Enemy," U.S. filmmaker Lisa Gossels captures the ongoing connections between six unlikely comrades in friendships that grew even as Israel was in the midst of building walls that can't help but remind some of the same barbed-wire horrors that traumatized people who would found the Jewish state...

Bringing "My So-Called Enemy" to your community

My greatest joy is teaching and using "My So-Called Enemy" as a tool for dialogue and fostering mutual understanding. Please let me know if you are interested in hosting a screening and/or inviting me to present "My So-Called Enemy" at your academic or religious institution, peace/multi-faith organization or after-school program. Because our model is coalition-building, we encourage screenings to be co-hosted by diverse groups when possible.

Please also get in touch if you have ideas about how our film can have the greatest impact in your community: not only for dialogue around Middle East peace, but for celebrating diversity, building bridges of understanding, and empowering girls/women/our youth to be agents for social change.

In this season of Thanksgiving I thank you, as always, for your friendship and support of "My So-Called Enemy." Have a beautiful holiday!

With gratitude and love,
Lisa

"MY SO-CALLED ENEMY" a good egg production
director/producer **Lisa Gossels** producer **Eden Wurmfeld**
director of photography **Justin Schein** edited by **Lisa Gossels**
David Mehlman Toby Shimin music by **Nathan Larson**

2010 Hamptons International Film Festival
Winner, Jury Prize for Best Conflict & Resolution Film

2010 Starz Denver Film Festival
Winner, Special Jury Prize in Filmmaking

2010 Boston Jewish Film Festival
Winner, Audience Award, Best Feature Documentary Film

2011 Newport Beach Film Festival
Winner, Jury Award, Best Feature Documentary Film
Winner, MacGillivray Freeman Films Award for Excellence in Documentary Filmmaking (feature)

2011 CINE Golden Eagle
Winner, CINE Golden Eagle, Documentary Feature